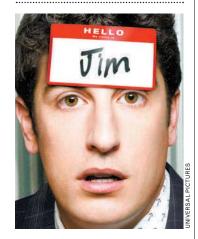


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An Australian pilot said he was forced to make an emergency landing after a snake popped out from behind his dashboard. Braden Blennerhassett said the ordeal worsened when the animal crawled down his leg during landing. A wildlife ranger said the snake, which escaped, was nonvenomous. (AP)

ROLE PLAYING

'I Was Hoping for a Fireman, But I Can Work With This'

An Altoona, Pa., state trooper says an extremely drunk woman met him at the door wearing underpants and holding two yellow roses she wanted him to accept as part of her "cop fantasy" — before he charged her with drunken driving instead. The trooper went to the residence on March 20 after a motorist reported a car that had been driving erratically. (AP)

VERSATILITY

Can't It Be Both?

A Moorhead, Minn., waitress says \$12,000 that police are calling drug money is a tip left for her by a diner. Stacy Knutson has filed a lawsuit saying a customer left a takeout box from another restaurant at her table. When she discovered it contained cash, she called police. Officers told her to wait 90 days in case someone claimed the money, but later told her the cash smelled of marijuana and is being held in a drug investigation. (AP)



IT'S NOT SEXY WHEN MEN DO IT: Traders wearing bunny ears work on the floor of the New York Stock
Exchange in New York City on Wednesday. The company Annie's, whose mascot is a bunny, rang the opening bell. (AP)

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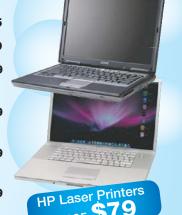
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Nation

In Brief

HARTFORD, CONN.

Conn. Poised to Abolish Death Penalty After Vote

The state Senate voted Thursday to abolish the death penalty in Connecticut, a state now on track to join a national trend away from capital punishment. In the past five years, four other states have abolished the death penalty—New Mexico, Illinois, New Jersey and New York. Connecticut would become the 17th state without a death penalty. (AP)

NEW YORK

Judge Gives Ex-Soviet Arms Dealer 25 Years

Defiant Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout, dubbed the Merchant of Death, was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison, far short of the life term prosecutors sought for his conviction on terrorism charges that grew from a U.S. sting operation. (AP)

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The amount Buford, Wyo., sold for at auction Thursday. Two unidentified men placed the winning bid. The town, advertised as the smallest in the U.S., includes a gas station, a schoolhouse, 10 acres of land, a home and one resident, Don Sammons. He intends to move. (AP)

Obama Signs Bipartisan Jobs Act

'Game-changer' bill seeks to give small businesses a boost

Washington

President Obama signed bipartisan jobs legislation Thursday that will help small businesses and make it easier for startups to raise capital, saying it could be a "game-changer" for entrepreneurs dreaming of founding the next Microsoft or Facebook.

"When their ideas take root, we get inventions that can change the way we live," Obama said in the Rose Garden, flanked by law-makers of both parties who backed the bill. "And when their businesses take off, more people become employed."

He said the initiatives in the bill paralleled many of the provisions that he sought last fall in his jobs agenda to encourage small-business growth.

Republicans, who promoted the pro-small business ideas in the House, joined Obama at the signing ceremony, including House Majority



President Obama signs the Jumpstart our Business Startups Act on Thursday. The legislation will make it easier for startups to raise capital by going public sooner.

Meanwhile...

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Thursday that President Obama believes women should be admitted as members to the all-male Augusta National, home of the Masters golf tournament. "We're kind of long past the time when women should be excluded from anything," Carney said. Mitt Romney said "of course" he would allow women in "if I could run Augusta." One of the club's longtime sponsors, IBM, has a new female CEO, Virginia Rometty. The last four CEOs at IBM, all male, have been invited to be members. The chairman of Augusta National said the club will decide for itself whom to allow. (AP)

Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va. Sen. Scott Brown, R-Mass., also looked on as Obama signed the bill into law.

"This bill represents exactly the kind of bipartisan action we should be taking in Washington to help our economy," Obama said.

Cantor said the bill was aimed at "the problem that we face in America today which is that our economy is lagging and our small businesses are having too hard of a time getting up off the ground."

Some Democrats, however, raised concerns that the bill softened investment protections enacted after the dot.com excesses and Wall Street meltdowns and the changes could lead to fraud and abuse.

The main part of the bill would phase in Securities and Exchange Commission regulations over a five-year period to let smaller companies go public sooner. Firms that have annual gross revenues of less than \$1 billion would enjoy this "emerging growth company" status.

The legislation may be one of the few accomplishments for a Congress stymied by partisan divisions heading into the fall elections.



Can't Drive, On Facebook: Fewer young Americans are getting driver's licenses, and researchers say social networking may have something to do with it. Studies at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute show that nearly 92 percent of 20- to 24-year-olds had driver's licenses in 1983. Twenty-five years later, the share fell to 82 percent. Researchers say cyber socializing may be reducing the need to interact face-to-face. (AP)



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Nation

Autism to Be Redefined

Panel seeks to update definition to clarify range of symptoms

Chicago

One child doesn't talk, rocks rhythmically back and forth and stares at clothes spinning in the dryer. Another has no trouble talking but is obsessed with trains, methodically naming every station in his state.

Autistic kids such as these hate change, but a big one is looming.

For the first time in nearly two decades, experts want to rewrite the definition of autism.

For years, different autism-related labels have been used, the best known being Asperger's disorder. The doctors working on the new definition want to eliminate separate terms like that one and lump them all into an "autism spectrum

Broad Definitions

There is no definitive test for autism. The diagnosis that has been used for at least 18 years covers children who once were called mentally retarded, as well as some who might have merely been considered quirky or odd. Today, some children diagnosed with autism may no longer fit the definition when they mature. With new government data last week suggesting more kids than ever in the U.S. —1 in 88 — have autism, the new definition may help clarify whether the rising numbers reflect a true increase in autism or overdiagnosis by doctors. (AP)

disorder" category.

Some specialists contend the proposal will exclude as many as 40 percent of kids now considered autistic. Parents of mildly affected children worry their kids will be left out and lose access to academic and behavioral services.

But doctors on the American Psychiatric Association panel that has proposed the changes maintain the revision is needed to dump confusing labels and clarify that autism can involve a range of symptoms

from mild to severe. They say it will be easier to diagnose kids.

"We're wanting to use this opportunity to get this diagnosis right," said Dr. Bryan King, a member of the revision panel and director of the autism center at Seattle Children's Hospital.

The revision is among dozens of changes proposed for an update of the psychiatric association's reference manual. The board is expected to vote on the proposals in December. LINDSEY TANNER (AP)



 $Google\,group's\, "Project\,Glass"\,video\,launched\,earlier\,this\,week\,on\,YouTube.$

Google's 'Project Glass' Not Quite a Reality Yet

New York

If you think texting and walking is dangerous, just wait until everyone starts wearing Google's futuristic, Internet-connected glasses.

Google unveiled the first peek at what it's calling "Project Glass" on Wednesday, augmented-reality eyeglasses that keep Google services on hand at all times. The glasses will have the capability to display messages, chats, appointments, weather and maps right in your field of vision, according to a video the company posted on Google+ Wednesday.

The company says it started the glasses project to help users "explore and share your world, putting you back in the moment."

Google is not the first company to come up with the idea of augmented-reality glasses but would have a perhaps unprecedented consumer reach.

In short, these glasses can do

Privacy

What's Next?

Google's "Project Glass" opens up endless possibilities. But the glasses also hint at a minefield of challenges around privacy. The company has been collecting data for a long time. Recent privacy changes proved they know what you search, who you email, what you watch on YouTube and, if you use Google Maps, where you're going. (AP)

everything you now need a smartphone or tablet computer to accomplish. But one important thing: The technology doesn't actually exist.

"We're sharing this information now because we want to start a conversation and learn from your valuable input," said Googlers Babak Parviz, Steve Lee and Sebastian Thrun. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

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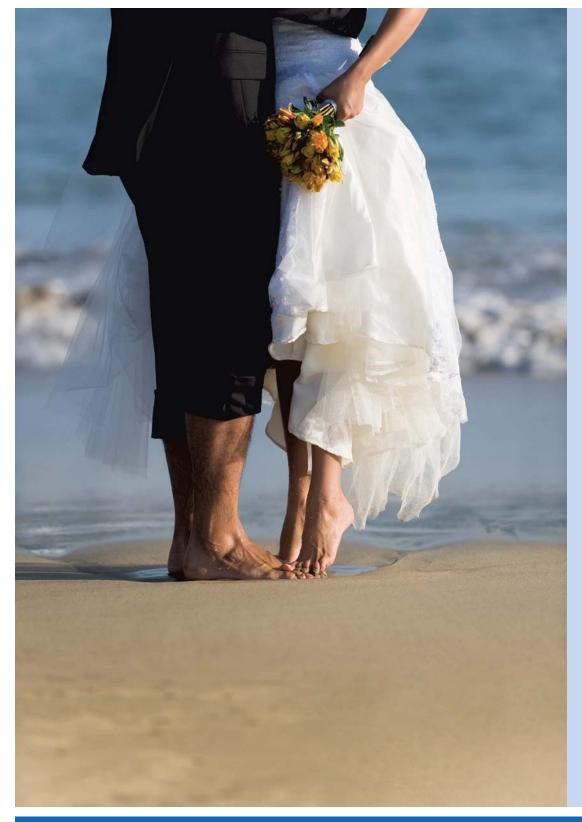
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World

Siege Fades Hopes for Syrian Cease-Fire

Violence intensifies ahead of deadline for truce, U.N. says

Beirut

Syria launched a blistering assault Thursday on the outskirts of its capital, shelling residential areas and deploying snipers on rooftops as international envoy Kofi Annan demanded every fighter lay down arms in time for a U.N.-brokered cease-fire.

The bloodshed undermined already fading hopes that more

than a year of violence will end soon, and France accused President Bashar Assad of trying to fool the world by accepting Annan's deadline to pull the army back from population centers by April 10.

According to the plan, rebels are supposed to stop fighting 48 hours later, paving the way for talks to end Assad's violent suppression of the uprising against his rule. The U.N. says more than 9,000 people have died.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Kimoon said the crisis was worsening, even though the Syrian government accepted Annan's plan March 27.

"Can we be optimistic? I am not, because I think Bashar Assad is deceiving us."

— **ALAIN JUPPE**, FRANCE'S FOREIGN MINISTER, SPEAKING THURSDAY ABOUT HOPES FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN SYRIA.

Activists have accused the regime of stepping up attacks across the country, and they described Thursday's assault in Douma as among the worst around the capital since the uprising began.

Backstory

Observers have expressed

deep skepticism that Syrian President Bashar Assad will abide by the peace plan laid out by U.N. envoy Kofi Annan. Analysts say Syria likely will try to manipulate the terms of the plan to buy time, or to argue that the regime cannot lay down its arms when "terrorists" are on the attack. Western leaders have pinned their hopes on Annan's diplomacy, with the U.S. and its allies unwilling to get deeply involved in another Arab nation in turmoil. (AP)

"Cities, towns and villages have been turned into war zones. The sources of violence are proliferating," Ban told the U.N. General Assembly.

Douma-based activist Mohammed Saeed said that troops shelled residential areas Thursday and were using detainees as human shields as they marched.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also said troops clashed with army defectors in the northern towns of Hraytan and Anadan near Syria's largest city of Aleppo. ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY AND ZEINA KARAM (AP)

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Officials: Militants Kill 10 At Government Outpost

Gunmen attacked an outpost of a government-sponsored militia and killed 10 members of the security force in western Afghanistan, officials said Thursday. In other violence, a suicide bomber struck a bazaar in a northeastern district Thursday, killing two people and wounding 16 others. (AP)

SANTIAGO, CHILE

Senate Blocks 3 Bills To Ease Abortion Ban

The Chilean Senate has rejected three bills that would have eased the country's ban on abortions. Two measures would have permitted abortion for medical reasons or in cases of rape. Lawmakers must now wait a year to propose any new abortion bill. (AP)

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The cuts to public spending pledged Thursday by French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who is fighting for a second term in elections that begin April 22. (AP)

Pope Observes Holy Week Tradition



POPE BENEDICT XVI WASHES THE FEET of a Catholic priest in Rome on Thursday in a Holy Week ritual mirroring a celebrated biblical account when Jesus washed his disciples' feet in a symbol of humility and service.

Murdoch's U.K. Channel Admits Email Hacking

London

Rupert Murdoch's British satellite news channel on Thursday became the latest branch of the mogul's global media empire to acknowledge bending the rules in an effort to stay ahead.

Sky News admitted its reporters hacked emails on two separate occasions, insisting that it was done in the public interest.

"We stand by these actions as editorially justified and in the public interest," Sky chief John Ryley said in a statement Thursday. "We do not take such decisions lightly or frequently."

But experts said that's no defense, the police are investigating, and Murdoch's goal of taking full control of Sky News' profitable parent company, British Sky Broadcasting, may be at risk.

Ryley said that the hacked material was later given to police.

He also was quick to point out

Meanwhile ...

Sky News managing editor Simon Cole announced his retirement Thursday, though on Twitter he said that the move was unrelated to hacking revelations. The news follows Tuesday's resignation of Rupert Murdoch's son James from chairman of British Sky Broadcasting, who said he was stepping down in a bid to insulate the broadcaster from the hacking controversy that exploded in June and rocked Britain's media establishment. (AP)

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instances where journalists had pushed the limits, noting that in a 2004 investigation, a Sky News journalist had bought an Uzi submachine gun to illustrate the availability of banned weapons in Britain. In 2003, a reporter sneaked into London's Heathrow Airport to highlight security failings, Ryley said. (AP)



Unholy Spirits: A new vodka brand is being withdrawn from circulation in Kazakhstan, authorities said Thursday, after protests from Muslims outraged over a motif on the bottle that reads "Allah's Strength Is Enough for Everybody." Islam strictly forbids drinking alcohol. Local media reported that the maker of the liquor has apologized, saying it was unaware of the offense because nobody in the company could read Arabic script. (AP)



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Cover Story



The housing bust and rising gas prices keep would-be suburbanites in the cities

Washington

Living in an outlying Chicago suburb, Jeff Wehrli recalls a heady time not too long ago when city dwellers poured in and developers couldn't build McMansions fast enough. Now boom has turned to bust, as in many of the nation's "exurbs," and Wehrli can't help but wonder when, or if, things will turn around.

All across the U.S., residential exurbs that sprouted on the edge of metropolitan areas are seeing their growth fizzle, according to new 2011 census estimates released Thursday.

Gas prices are discouraging long commutes. Young singles prefer city apartments. Two years after the recession technically ended, and despite some signs of economic recovery, there's a reversal of urbanites' decades-long exodus to roomy homes in distant towns. Indeed, Americans are shunning any moves at all — the lowest rate in records going back to the 1940s.

The annual rate of growth in American cities and surrounding urban areas has now surpassed that of exurbs for the first time in at least 20 years, spanning the most recent era of sprawling suburban development.

For instance, in Wehrli's Kendall County, Ill., about 50 miles southwest of Chicago, the population had more than doubled to 116,000 over the past decade, making it the

nation's fastest-growing county from 2000 to 2010.

Kendall County was part of an exurban wave in the mid-2000s that helped President George W. Bush to re-election, offering Republicans the hope of a new era of conservative voters sprouting on the rural-

"This experience may very well put the damper on the long-held view ... that building a home in the outer suburbs is a quick way to achieve the American dream."

- WILLIAM H. FREY, A BROOKINGS
INSTITUTION DEMOGRAPHER, ON THE SLOW-DOWN OF EXURBAN GROWTH IN THE U.S.

From Bust to Boom

Charlton, Ga., led the nation last year as the fastest-growing county, followed by **St. Bernard**

Parish, La., both increasing more than 10 percent. That was in contrast to the 2010 census, when St. Bernard Parish ranked last in percentage growth, due primarily to the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

Lone Star Allure

Texas had four of the nation's fastest-growing large metro areas: Austin, San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston.

Stalled Growth

The latest census data come amid an overall U.S. growth rate in 2011 of **0.9 percent**, the lowest since the mid-1940s, due to fewer births and less immigration following the recent recession.



Staying Put

Fewer people are also moving within the U.S.
— just 11.6 percent of the nation's population moved to new homes, the lowest since the government began tracking such data in 1948. Fewer Americans are migrating to such

tracking such data in 1948. Fewer Americans are migrating to such suburban hot spots as Las Vegas and Phoenix, upending several population trends of the 2000s. (AP) urban edge.

But the county's growth had begun to wane amid recession and rising gasoline costs. Amid growing concerns about the economy, the Chicago-area county, like many exurbs, turned to Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential race. Since then, its growth has slipped further.

In 2011, Kendall County's growth stalled at 1 percent, dropping its rate rank to 236th.

"It's going to take a while," Wehrli said, speaking of a local recovery that he acknowledges will never reach the same levels as the previous decade.

It's not just his county. Economists believe the effects of an exurban bust will be long-term.

"The heyday of exurbs may well be behind us," Yale University economist Robert J. Shiller said. Shiller, cocreator of a Standard & Poor's housing index, is perhaps best known for identifying the risks of a U.S. housing bubble before it actually burst in

Trend Buster

In all, 99 of the 100 fastest-growing exurbs and outer suburbs saw slower or

no growth in 2011 compared with the mid-decade housing peak — the exception being **Spotsylvania County, Va.,** which has boomed even in the downturn. Spotsylvania may be bucking the trend in part due to the Defense Department's relocation of "several massive facilities" to the Washington region's southern suburbs, Scripps Howard reported. (AP)

2006-2007. Examining the current market, he believes America is now at a turning point, shifting away from faraway suburbs to cities amid persistently high gasoline prices.

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Demographic changes also play a role: They include young singles who are increasingly delaying marriage and children and thus more apt to rent, and a graying population that in its golden years may prefer closerin, walkable urban centers.

"Suburban housing prices may not recover in our lifetime," Shiller said. HOPE YEN (AP)



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Metro Madness

Many people find riding the Metro challenging enough already, but Andrew Baker wanted to up the difficulty level. That's why one day in November, the 23-year-old consultant set out to perform an impressive feat: hitting every stop on every line in the shortest time possible.

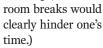
When he proudly told WMATA about the time it took him to get to all 86 — seven hours, 27 minutes and 49 seconds — he expected the transit system to acknowledge the accomplishment. That didn't happen. He checked for stats elsewhere, but it turns out Guinness doesn't care about this record either.

So what's a competitive train rider to do? Encourage other folks to try to top him. "Beating myself

doesn't have much appeal," he says. Baker's website (Dcmetro-challenge.com), which launched Wednesday, details his adventure, lays out the ground rules for other contenders (for example, you must use a SmarTrip card to enter and exit the system for timing verification purposes) and offers advice on how to make an attempt.

Baker chose to go for it when he had a week off between jobs.

That way he could take advantage of a busier weekday train schedule and prepare by slightly dehydrating himself the day before. (He doesn't necessarily encourage other people to follow in his footsteps, but bath-



He didn't check what was happening with track maintenance — which cost him valuable minutes during two lengthy train delays

— so Baker suggests there's an opening at the top of the standings. And people might be able to go even faster by leveraging the Farragut Crossing and Rush Plus, which starts this summer. "I'd like to see someone try it with the timetables and plot it out with more accuracy," he says.

One brave soul has already signed on, and Baker plans to raise funds to print T-shirts for competitors to wear during their attempts once more are on board. He hopes the challenge can evolve into teams going head-to-head simultaneously, a la "The Amazing Race."

Pursuit of the best time is only part of the experience, Baker adds. He wants to promote the challenge as a way for people to see the cross-section of Washington that rides the rails and to develop more of an appreciation for the system. Baker, who grew up in Alexandria, has been a fan for as long as he can remember. (When Baker and his little sister got too rowdy, their dad would take them to King Street for train trips.)

Recently, with Metro's litany of woes, he's felt like he's needed to be "a closeted transit enthusiast." The Challenge, however, opens doors.

D.C. to Buy American-Made Streetcars

Transportation

District of Columbia officials have struck a deal to purchase American-made streetcars for the city's new trolley line.

The District previously pur-

chased three streetcars made in the Czech Republic.

Mayor Vincent Gray announced Thursday that the District will buy two additional streetcars from Oregon Iron Works Inc., which is the only domestic manufacturer of such vehicles. It's based in Clackamas, Ore.

The first streetcar line is scheduled to open next year and will serve the H Street Northeast corridor. D.C.'s previous trolley system was shut down in 1962. (AP)

Local

Fairfax Has Ideas for Silver Line

FDOT suggests brief, evocative names for county's 8 stations

Fairfax, Va.

Fairfax County's Department of Transportation has suggested names for the eight stations in the county that will be part of Metro's new Silver Line.

The 23 miles of new rail will run through Fairfax County and eventually into Loudoun County.

The first part of the project is under construction and expected to be done in August 2013. Construction on the second phase is expected to start in January 2013.

Metro allowed the public to weigh in on naming stations along the Silver Line after a month-long process.

Officials had suggested that names should relevant, brief and evocative.

Metro got more than 16,200



Crews work on the Silver Line in the Tysons Corner area of McLean, Va., in Nov. 2011.

What to Call Them?

FDOT's staff recommended these Silver Line station names:

- Tysons East would be McLean.
- ➤ Tysons Central 123 would be Tysons Corner.
- ► Tysons Central 7 would be called Greensboro Park, which is an office park near Route 7.
- Tysons West would be Spring Hill.
- ▶ Wiehle Avenue would be Wiehle-Reston East.
- Reston Parkway would be Reston Town Center.
- ► Herndon-Monroe would be Herndon.
- ▶ Route 28 would be Innovation, named after Innovation Road, which is an existing road just north of the station.

responses on the naming of the stations, and 47 percent were from Fairfax County residents.

Dan Stessel, Metro chief spokesman, said the survey results were provided to Fairfax County.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is expected to pass a resolution Tuesday with name recommendations.

The final vote on the station names then goes to the Metro board of directors, and the Metro board is likely to decide later this spring.

The naming process has been a long one.

At one point, there were suggestions to name several of the stations with the word Tysons in them. But Metro officials said that would be too repetitive and confusing.

Fairfax County transportation officials also held four public meetings, an online chat and took input on a Web site for suggestions on names. DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Council Member Barry: Sorry for Slam on Asians



Barry

D.C. Council member Marion Barry apologized on Thursday for a comment disparaging Asian-owned businesses in Ward 8, saying, "I want to express my deep apology for

offending some members of the Asian community and the D.C. community." At his victory party following Tuesday's primary election, Barry had said, "We got to do something about these Asians coming in and opening up businesses and dirty shops. They ought to go." (AP)

BALTIMORE, MD.

Lottery Officials Dispel Rumor of Jackpot Claim

Maryland Lottery officials want to dispel rumors that the state's Mega Millions jackpot has already been claimed and warn the winner to keep the ticket safe. At a news conference Thursday afternoon, Lottery Director Stephen Martino didn't address reports of a Baltimore woman who has said she won, stressing that officials haven't heard from anyone claiming to have the winning ticket. He encouraged people to check their tickets, especially if they were purchased at the 7-Eleven in Milford Mill. The winner has until Sept. 28 to claim the jackpot. (AP)

The Lotteries Thursday, April 5

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-7-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-5-0
Mid-day Pick 4	3-7-3-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-1-3-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	14-22-28-31-36 (19
Multi-Match (Wed.)	18-26-31-38-41-43

District

District	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-3-8
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	4-1-9
Mid-day DC 4	9-5-7-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	7-6-0-
Mid-day D.C. Five	3-2-6-8-0
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	2-1-2-9-
11-41-44-704-45	0 5 01 00 00 0

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	2-9-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.).	0-5-2
Mid-day Pick 4	8-1-5-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.).	5-0-9-0
Mid-day Cash 5	9-23-27-29-30
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	13-14-15-18-31
Win For Life (Wed.)	10-15-19-25-37-39 (31)

Multi-State Games

Power Play	 	 1-24-33-45-49
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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be



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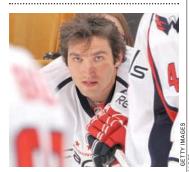
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Ian Desmond's big day lifts the Nats to a victory in the season opener | 14



TV Lineup



Alex Ovechkin and the Caps' playoff fate will be known by Saturday night.

Friday

3 P.M. Which stars will miss the cut after the second round of the Masters is complete? ESPN

3 P.M. The Orioles open the season against the Minnesota Twins. MASN **7 P.M.** The Wizards tip off against the

7 P.M. The San Francisco Giants face the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Los Angeles Angels play the Kansas City Royals. ESPN

Saturday

New Jersey Nets. CSN

1 P.M. After a day off, the Nats and Cubs resume their season-opening series. MASN

4 P.M. The Caps' playoff hopes may hinge on their regular-season finale against the New York Rangers. NBCSN **3:30 P.M.** The third round of the Masters. CBS

7 P.M. The championship game of the NCAA hockey tournament takes place in Tampa. Fla. ESPN2

Sunday

1 P.M. The New York Knicks tip off against the Chicago Bulls. ABC
2 P.M. The final round of the Masters tees off in Augusta, Ga. CBS
2:20 P.M. Jordan Zimmermann is set to take the hill for the Nats in their series finale against the Cubs. DC-50
8 P.M. The Chicago White Sox and Texas Rangers play under the lights.
ESPN



Anybody's Contest

With the world's best all on a roll, the Masters is wide-open this weekend

Golf

All it took was one win at Bay Hill two weeks ago for Tiger Woods to even resemble the guy who once dominated golf. He won by five shots, and, just like that, was elevated to the favorite at Augusta National. Suddenly, Woods is worth watching at the Masters for all the right reasons. "Everything is headed in the right direction at the right time," Woods said.

But he's not the only star of this week's Masters. Rory McIlroy has all the traits of the heir apparent: An easy swing that produces enormous power, a U.S. Open title at age 22, a tennis star for a girlfriend and an engaging personality. In his last 12 tournaments, McIlroy finished third or better eight times, including two wins and a brief stay at No. 1 in the world.

There is so much anticipation about this clash of generations it's as if they were the only two players competing for a green jacket, like the days of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Far from it.

"I can understand people seeing this as

Three Dark Horses



KEEGAN BRADLEY The PGA champ arrives at his first Masters trying to buck conventional wisdom: No first-timer has won the Masters since Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979. But Bradley is ferocious.



K.J. CHOI The 41-yearold South Korean doesn't have a top-20 finish in his last eight events. He has, however, beaten elite fields in the past, such as at The Players a year ago.



HUNTER MAHAN Take five minutes to figure out the world's top-ranked American. Got it yet? It's Mahan, who moved into the fourth spot in the rankings by winning in Houston last weekend. (TWP)

Round 1

A Rough Start

Before Tiger Woods gets too bummed about finishing the first round with a whimper at the Masters, he ought to go talk to Henrik Stenson. Woods turned an unplayable lie into a better-than-expected bogey on the last hole Thursday to finish at even-par 72. Stenson, on the other hand, mashed his ball into the trees and made a quadruple-bogey 8, dropping him to 1-under. Both trailed clubhouse leader Louis Oosthuizen. (AP)

a two-man race, but it's never been further from the truth," Geoff Ogilvy said.

Luke Donald returned to No. 1 in the world three weeks ago by winning at Innisbrook. He is one of eight players among the top 20 in the world who have won this year, a list that includes Woods and McIlroy, along with Hunter Mahan (twice), Steve Stricker, Justin Rose and Augusta favorite Phil Mickelson.

It's wide open, and the whole field knows it. "Rory has never won here," Lee Westwood said. "Tiger has not won here since 2005. So I think everybody in this room would have to be naive to think it was a two-horse race, wouldn't they?" (AP)



Hasn't won a

major since

blah, blah.
Woods arrives
here back
in the top 10
in the world
rankings, having won his
last start to
end a twoand-a-half-



year drought.

MCILROY

The tournament was his to win a year ago, and he in famously lost it. "I wasn't ready to win the Masters,' he said. He is now, as he proved by winning the U.S. Open — the first major after his meltdown. (TWP)

sports

MLS Cracks Down on Rough Hits

United's McDonald to serve suspension after his bad tackle

Major League Soccer

The only act that marred D.C.'s 4-1 victory over FC Dallas last Friday was a first-half tackle from center back Brandon McDonald. The league reviewed the incident and decided to enforce further discipline than the yellow card McDonald received during the match.





As a result, McDonald incurred an undisclosed fine and one-game suspension, and United will be without his services for Saturday night's home match against the Seattle Sounders.

McDonald, an athletic defender who relies on his physicality, had played every minute of the season so far. "This is why they got me here, to be that type of player on the field," McDonald told reporters this week. "I think we need it, and it would be foolish of me to change the way I play. At the same time, I have to be smart."

Being smart, ultimately, is



 $D.C.\ United's\ Brandon\ McDonald, right, is\ shoved\ by\ Vancouver's\ Eric\ Hasslion\ March\ 24.\ McDonald\ is\ known\ for\ upsetting\ foes.$

Revenge on His Mind



D.C. United let defender Marc Burch go in the offseason after five seasons, opting to go with Daniel Woo. Burch

wound up in Seattle, and he returns to D.C. this weekend with plenty of motivation. "They had the opportunity to keep me, and they didn't," Burch told the Seattle Times this week. "It's time to go back and prove that I don't believe that their left back is better than I am." A.C.

the message MLS is trying to get across. Star players like Seattle's Steve Zakuani, FC Dallas' David Ferreira and Real Salt Lake's Javier Morales all sat out large portions of last season after being the victims of bad tackles. Blas Perez, the victim of McDonald's tackle, was not injured and later scored a goal.

As part of its initiative to prevent serious injuries, the league has proven to be quick on the trigger with suspensions geared toward deterring reckless physical behavior. In the last two weeks, four players have received one-game suspensions, ultimately meaning

the league's disciplinary committee decided that, upon review, the tackles were red-card worthy.

"In previous years when no injury occurred after a foul or something that the committee looked at and felt was an egregious play, unless there was an injury that committee for the most part did not act," MLS commissioner Don Garber said before the season. "That is going to change this year. The committee will be looking at all plays, regardless as to whether or not there is an injury, and will act under whatever judgment that committee makes."

AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)

In Brief



Stan Van Gundy doesn't feel like he has Magic center Dwight Howard's support.

PRO BASKETBALL

Van Gundy Says Howard Tried to Get Him Fired

Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said Thursday he has been told by high-ranking team officials that center Dwight Howard has previously asked that he be fired. "I know he has," Van Gundy said Thursday. "That's just the way it is. Again, I've been dealing with that all year. It's not anything real bothersome. You go out and do your job." (AP)

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

UConn Appeal Rejected

The NCAA has turned down what the University of Connecticut says is its final appeal for a waiver of academic requirements that would allow the Huskies to play in next season's postseason tournament. (AP)

OLYMPICS

Saudis May Not Send Women to Olympics

Plans for Saudi Arabia to send women to the Olympics for the first time appear to be in jeopardy. Saudi Arabian newspaper Al-Watan reported Thursday that Saudi Olympic Committee President Prince Nawaf does "not approve" of sending female athletes to the London Games. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Ravens Lock Up Webb

The Baltimore Ravens have agreed to a five-year, \$50 million contract extension with cornerback Lardarius Webb. The deal announced Thursday includes a \$10 million signing bonus and a \$5 million option bonus. (AP)

Tape: Saints' Williams Urged Injuring 49ers

Pro Football

A newly released recording purports to capture former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams telling players to "put a lick" on San Francisco's Kyle Williams to see if the receiver still had lingering effects from an earlier concussion.

Filmmaker Sean Pamphilon, who had access to Saints meetings for a documentary on football, has posted the audio on his website. Pamphilon initially shared the content with Yahoo Sports, telling the website that while he was not bothered by much of Williams' profanity-laced speech, he was troubled by comments about the previously concussed player.

"I thought, 'Did he just say that?" Pamphilon said in an article posted Thursday. "That was the red flag for me."

Williams, who is suspended indefinitely for his admitted role overseeing a bounty system that offered Saints defenders cash for big hits, did not immediately

Meanwhile ...

The appeals have been heard.

Now comes the wait for NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to decide whether he will reduce any of the penalties in the New Orleans Saints bounty case. Saints coach Sean Payton left NFL headquarters without comment on Thursday after appealing his one-year suspension. Earlier, the appeals of general manager Mickey Loomis and assistant coach Joe Vitt were heard. (AP)

respond to a phone message and email on Thursday.

Pamphilon made the recording of Williams' speech during a meeting before the Saints lost to the 49ers in a divisional playoff game in January.

In Pamphilon's recording, Williams also tells his players to set their sights on running back Frank Gore, quarterback Alex Smith and receiver Michael Crabtree.

"We need to decide on how many times we can beat Frank Gore's head," he said. (AP)

sports

Nationals Start With a Win

Strasburg dominates for 7 innings as team rallies past the Cubs

The Nationals

Stephen Strasburg dominated in his first opening-day start, yet wasn't able to come away with

After Strasburg frustrated the Cubs for seven innings, Ian Desmond singled in the go-ahead run in the ninth Thursday to give the Nationals a season-opening 2-1 win over Chicago.

Strasburg allowed one run and five hits, including an RBI single to Marlon Byrd in the fourth. He was pinch hit for in the eighth, when Kerry Wood forced in the tying run

> with three-straight walks.



Washington went ahead in the ninth when Chad Tracy hit a two-out double off the right-

field wall against Carlos Marmol (0-1), and Desmond followed with his third hit.

Strasburg struck out five and walked one. He reached 98 mph when he struck out Starlin Castro in the sixth.

Ryan Dempster, making his fourth opening start, struck out 10 in 7 2/3 innings.

Chicago started its first season since Theo Epstein was hired away from Boston in hopes of helping the Cubs win their first World Series title since 1908.

Tyler Clippard (1-0) worked a scoreless eighth to win in relief. Brad Lidge gave up one-out triple off the right-field wall by Ian Stewart in the ninth but got the save in his Nationals debut when pinch-



Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos, left, tags out Chicago Cubs' Joe Mather in the ninth inning of Washington's 2-1 win Thursday.



Stephen Strasburg had five strikeouts and allowed one run against the Cubs.

It's Never Too Early

If the Nationals intend to play serious baseball in October, it can't hurt to seize the opportunity when a favorable schedule presents itself in April.

The number of wins, history suggests, that the Nats need to reach the playoffs.

The Nats begin with a pair of road series, against the Cubs and the Mets, teams that lost 91 and 85 games last year, respectively. Then they return to Washington for 11 games, the longest homestand of the season, welcoming Cincinnati, Houston and Miami, all coming off of losing campaigns in 2011. Only one team that the Nationals play in April had a winning record last year: the Dodgers, who won 82 games. Why is it important to start fast? Because the Nats play in arguably the toughest division in the Na-

tional League, and their interleague schedule lines them up with the Yankees, Red Sox and Rays, the bullies of the AL East. DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

MLB SCOREBOARD

Tigers 3, Red Sox 2

Mets 2. Braves 1

Phillies 1, Pirates 0

Nationals 2, Cubs 1

Reds 4. Marlins 0

runner Joe Mather was thrown out trying to score on a grounder to third and Byrd ended the game by taking a called third strike.

Dempster allowed a single by Desmond on the game's first pitch, then didn't allow another hit until Desmond singled with one out in the eighth.

Dempster left to a standing ovation after striking out Danny Espinosa, but the cheers quickly faded.

Wood came on and walked Ryan Zimmerman, Adam LaRoche and then Jayson Werth on a 3-2 pitch, sending a loud groan through the ballpark. Andrew Seligman (AP)

Swengali

Big Dreams, but Realistic Hopes

Did someone say "playoffs?" Yes, Nationals manager Davey Johnson did. And so, for the first time since baseball returned to D.C., the Nats and their fans are on the same page as the season begins. And why not?

There's no denying that all five



of the team's starting pitchers are very talented. Gio Gonzalez has already made an All-Star game and Edwin Jackson has tossed a no-hitter.

The best news is

that those are the two pitchers D.C. fans are just getting to know.

Washington fell in love with Stephen Strasburg midway through his first start. Jordan Zimmermann showed last year he's an ace in the

What is good enough for a team loaded with potential that has yet to prove it can top the Phillies?

making, too. Ross Detwiler is the lone question mark, though the fact that he took John Lannan's spot in the rotation reveals his talent.

But what if something goes wrong? Offensive production is hardly certain, even if Jayson Werth's torrid spring translates into a strong year.

Making the playoffs is hard. What is good enough for a team loaded with potential that has yet to prove it can top the Phillies?

The answer: A winning record. After seven seasons, the Nats have yet to crack .500. A least-case scenario of 82-80 seems perfectly acceptable, even if it would be a disappointment. D.C. can't get too far ahead of itself. Baseball is a marathon, and it's OK to be happy with marked progress even if the playoffs are a year away.



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Stuck in Syracuse: As John Lannan reported for opening day at Class AAA Syracuse Thursday, the Nationals dug in and did not change their stance in the wake of the trade request Lannan made public Wednesday night. GM Mike Rizzo called the trade interest for Lannan "mild" and remains staunchly against trading Lannan for anything less than the price he deems fit. "We're not trading him," Nats manager Davey Johnson said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



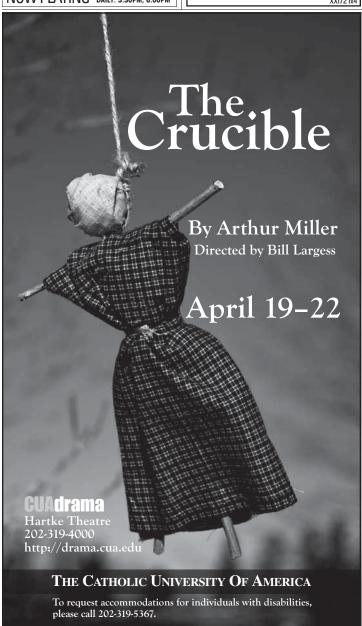




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Zakary Pelaccio

CHEF, SEA URCHIN FAN, MUSIC LOVER

On the back of his new cookbook, "Eat With Your Hands" (\$40, Harper Collins), chef Zakary Pelaccio describes his cooking as "Southeast Asian-inspired cuisine with French and Italian inflections." As you can imagine, the gastro-genius behind Fatty Crab and Fatty 'Cue restaurants in New York City finds culinary inspiration everywhere, from travels through Malaysia to Herbie Mann's cheesy grooves from the 1970s.

The first recipe is for frog legs, and in the noodles chapter you have a recipe for sea urchin gonads. Who is this book for?

It reflects things I've cooked during my career. My wife and I cherry-picked meals we enjoyed based on nostalgia. Some of the ingredients like green garlic sound esoteric

for a meal at home, but it's actually pretty common for us. And technically the gonads are called uni. I was just trying to be anatomically correct, unlike a Barbie doll.

I'd be hard-pressed to find uni in my grocery store. How do you feel about substitutions?

These are just guidelines. Certainly I'm going to have an opinion about things I've encountered and what I've used, but that doesn't mean what's good for me is what's good for you. And it also doesn't mean I've perfected it. Somebody else may be able to make it better and take an idea and expand on it.

Can you explain your "eat with your hands" philosophy?

It's a metaphor. The people who take it literally make me laugh. "Is

this a book about finger foods?" That's right. That's what I wrote: A book consisting entirely of tea sandwiches. [Laughs] It's the idea of immersing yourself in whatever you're doing and having fun.

"Some of the ingredients like green garlic sound esoteric ... but it's actually pretty common for us."

This was your first cookbook. What was the process like?

Challenging. Typically I scribble down some notes and describe to my cook how something should be prepared. But with the book, I had to ask things like, "When I say add salt to taste, how much salt is that? How long do you leave something on the stove?" Recipes are the easiest framework to communicate food to one another.

You share an anecdote with every recipe. Any other ways you've made these recipes more than just words on a page?

I suggest songs to listen to while cooking every recipe. Also, the pictures are a bit out of focus and the paper is coarse. It's meant to get thrown around and stained.

In the introduction to your cookbook, you thank people for their good advice. What's the best piece of advice you've gotten?

The best advice I never listened to was from my father when I graduated college. He said, "You can do whatever you want with your life. My only advice is to take a job where you can sit down." I didn't take it and right now my back is sore, and my right knee is bothering me. HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Loco for Local

D.C.-born fashions (neckwear by Ginger Root Design, femme dresses from Kelly Tang) meet District sips and bites (Café Saint Ex, Matchbox) at the fifth annual Fashion District. April 12, 7:30-11 p.m. The Powerhouse, 3244 Grace St. NW. Early access \$40, general admission \$30; Fashion.readysetdc.com.

goods lookout



Apothecary On

WE WAGER THAT you have at least one Kiehl's product in your medicine cabinet. Since 1851, the skin savior has been producing wildly popular beauty products like its Creme de Corps (8.4 fl. oz., \$30) and Creamy Eye Treatment (\$29). The new location at Tysons Corner Center feeds our addiction (1961 Chain Bridge Road; 703-734-1252) with personal consultations and demos at the Shave Bar for men.

Pouf Art

DESIGNER TRINA TURK wins over fashionistas with her Palm Beachmod prints and vacation-minded shapes (tunics, floaty

dresses). She applies a similar aesthetic to her new spring pillows (\$135-\$140, Urban Country, 7117 Arlington Road, Bethesda; 301-654-0500), which come in punchy brights and graphic styles that'll turn your neutral sofa



A Bottle Of Scots

WITH ITS MALTY fin-

ish and crispy style, Port City Brewing Company's Tartan Ale could make a happy marriage with food or just a warm evening. Modeled after a Scottish beer, the seasonal offering (\$11 a six-pack, liquor stores and Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave, Alexandria; 703-797-2739) seems like more of a crowd pleaser than, say, haggis or bagpipes.



Sew Wearable

WITH STYLES LIKE the silk, cap-sleeved "All Occasions Dress" (shown, \$210) and the jacquard "Effortless Top" (\$72), spring pieces from Nana's (3068 Mount Pleasant St. NW; 202-667-6955) in-house clothing line provide simple-chic wardrobe therapy. Items designed by shop owner Jackie Flanagan riff on vintage fashions her grandma wore (which also inspired the shop's name). It's all sewn in Adams Morgan, meaning outfits are conceived locally but could take you anywhere.

Growth

Industrial

IN YOUR DREAM HOME, you own gardens that rival those at Versailles. In reality, you've got a 3 by 5 foot balcony in Franconia. CB2's stackable Pony Planters (\$150, CB2, 3307 M St. NW; 202-333-6204) turn the tiniest of plots or spots green. The set of five oblong steel pots can be arranged in multiple ways and boasts a futuristic look that'll banish thoughts of Grandma's fussy African violet vessels.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

In May I'm going to Montana for the wedding of my niece. Although the ceremony will be at a church, the reception is billed as a "barn dance." Should I show up in western wear, such as denim skirts and boots? - MARIELLE

Manolo says, sadly, the Manolo usually only gets invited to the stuffy formal weddings with the 15 pink bridesmaids, accompanying the bridezilla in the pouffy giant dress with the 30-feet-long train.

How much more fun it would be



to go the Country of the Big Sky for the cowboy wedding. How much better to see the groom ride up on his horse Leroy, hop off and swagger into church to await his betrothed, delivered to the altar in the chuck wagon, driven by her "Pa," Snuffy.

Weddings are to be the joyous occasions, why should they not also be the little bit entertaining? And what could be more entertaining than barn-dance reception? And if you are attending, why not get into the spirit of the occasion by dressing, at least the little bit, for the part. This does not mean that you have to buckle on the six guns, nor wear the Hoss Cartwright 10-gallon hat. Just the smidgen of Santa Fe is enough.

Manolo says, every girl needs the cowboy boots, and not just for the Montana wedding. Here is the N9290 from Lucchese (\$431, Zappos.com), the pair of tall boots that are handsome without being too costumey.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.



Pop on a hip hat or flirty fascinator to pretty up for parties or everyday

Sure, there was a swoon heard round the world

when Kate Middleton donned a tiara and Alexander McQueen lace to wed her prince last year. But the chic, young Duchess of Cambridge also deserves sartorial props for her hats — tiny, feathered fascinators (basically headbands with oomph), saucerlike numbers and insouciant berets. Her chic headwear — combined with retro, hat-heavy costume dramas like "Mad Men," "Boardwalk Empire" and "Downton Abbey" — has reignited an interest in fashions that, well, go to your head.

"I've seen a big change in the past year, with people not thinking wearing a hat is unusual," says Anna Fuhrman, owner of Proper Topper (1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055), D.C.'s 22-yearold temple to fedoras, cloches et al. "The royal wedding provided a push. People are also feeling braver about taking fashion risks."

Whether you seek stylish shade at the beach or a feather-trimmed, Scarlett O'Hara-ish confection for a horse race, keep a few things in mind when setting your, er, cap, on a certain topper. First, "a hat is part of your ensemble," says Fuhrman. "So think about where you'll be wearing it and what you'll be doing." That means a wide-brimmed wonder works on the polo grounds, but stick to a less view-blocking fascinator or cocktail hat for the theater or church.

And remember, the point of a hat is often to get you noticed in a good way. "They add glamour and make you stand out," says D.C. performance artist Holly Bass (right), who is known for rocking headwear in everyday settings as well as at

events like the annual Seersucker Social (this year on June 9), which she co-founded. "Put a hat on, and you can adopt another persona, be a woman of mystery."

And even if you're having a bad hair day, "wearing a hat usually makes you say, 'Damn, I look good," says Long Island milliner Marcia Lacher (Lovemyhat.com).

We knew Kate didn't snag Wills with her smile alone. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

"Put a hat on, and you can adopt another persona, be a woman of mystery."

- HOLLY BASS, D.C. PERFORMANCE ARTIST AND HAT AFICIONADO



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Weirdly Watchable

I think anyone can be forgiven for thinking that Willem Dafoe is absolutely, psychotically nuts. Sure, he can play sympathetic characters, like in "Platoon," but he just seems so much more authentic playing weird guys in, ideally, weird movies.

In "The Hunter," out Friday, he



plays a weird guy in a not-very-weird movie: Martin David is a mercenary commissioned by a mysterious corporation to track down and kill a Tasmanian tiger, an

animal that may or may not be extinct.

The film is pretty good, but the most enjoyable moments come when Dafoe shares the screen with the two children in the film. His scenes with them (there are only a couple) are hilarious — and quite a jolt in what is fundamentally a pretty dark story.

Peppy, blond Morgana Davies, in particular, contrasts with Dafoe's innate weirdness in such a wonderful way. Her openness slams up against his reticence (and his reactions, particularly when she and her brother hop into the tub while Dafoe is soaking) so interestingly that the two sum up Martin's basic struggle: civilization versus nature, family versus solitude. It's clear Davies is filling a stereotypical role — a bright spot in a dark life showing a lonely man what love is — but she does it with such unselfconscious joy that her performance transcends cliché and becomes something truly special.

Read Kristen's previous columns at: expressnightout.com/thereelist



Jim (Jason Biggs, right) is back on his old bed talking to his father (Eugene Levy, left) about dirty magazines in "American Reunion."

'American' Regression

More than a decade later, Jim and the gang still haven't grown up

Film Review

Comedy, like a flower, is a delicate

I realize this now, after sitting through a technical glitch-plagued screening of "American Reunion," another seguel to "American Pie" whose sense of humor is typified by a scene in which a grown man -Seann William Scott, reprising his role as that virtuoso of vulgarity, Steven Stifler - makes number two in a beer cooler. A malfunctioning audio system had accidentally removed all background music from the film (although the sound effect of Stifler's bowel movement, unfortunately, came through loud and clear).

So imagine my delight when I was offered a second chance to see the film, as it was originally meant to be seen — and heard.

It was apparent that there were several jokes in "American Reunion" that relied heavily on the music, from the '90s and beyond, such as a scene in which a middle-aged mom does a pelvis-grinding dance with a shocked Chris "Oz" Ostreicher (Chris Klein) to the tune of 3OH!3's "My First Kiss." Without the music, it was just a bizarre pantomime.

After two screenings, I can report that the songs add a certain something to the proceedings, which are set during the high-school reunion of the characters from "American Pie"

American Reunion (R)

- **Directors:** Jon Hurwitz, Hayden Schlossberg
- > Stars: Jason Biggs, Eugene Levy, Seann William Scott
- ▶ In a Nutshell: Jim, Michelle, Stifler, and their friends reunite in East Great Falls, Mich., for their high school reunion.

and depend on a sense of nostalgia for the 1999 film. (Almost all the characters from the first film are back, and it's a mild pleasure to see them, especially Jim's dad (Eugene Levy), who's now widowed and lonely.)

The music is, however, like icing on an overbaked cake. With or without the tunes, "American Reunion" is an aggressively crass - and not

As anyone who's ever attended a class reunion can tell you, it almost never works.

especially funny - trip down memory lane, an attempt to recapture the magic of the earlier film. As anyone who's ever attended a class reunion can tell you, it almost never works.

But don't take my word for it. Listen to Jim Levenstein (Jason Biggs) — the hero of the "Pie" movies, who now has a wife and kid — as he scolds his ever-immature friend, "You are so trapped in the past, Stifler. When are you going to realize that things are never going to be the way they used to be?" Like Stifler, "American Reunion" simply refuses to grow up. It may even have regressed. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Slices of 'Pie'

With the release of "American Reunion," the franchise moves into its second decade of existence. Yes, 13 years have passed since "American Pie" was released in 1999. In between, there have been big-screen sequels and straightto-video spin-offs. If you missed anything, here's a brief synopsis.



1999

"American Pie" The film that started it all and gave new meaning to the phrases

"warm apple pie" and "this one time, at band camp."

"American Pie 2"

Jim and the gang rent a summer beach house, and Jim finally gets to see what band camp is really like.



"American Wedding" Jim and Michelle tie the knot. Stifler

throws the bachelor party.

"American Pie Presents: Band

Camp" Without the original cast, the focus shifts to Stifler's younger brother Matt, who reluctantly spends a summer at band camp.

"American Pie **Presents: The**

Naked Mile" We meet Erik Stifler, a high school senior who lacks the prowess of his other brothers —until he takes a trip to college.

"American Pie **Presents: Beta**

House" Picking up a year after the previous film, Erik is now in college, and he pledges a fraternity.

"American Pie Presents: The Book

of Love" Set 10 years after the original, a fire in the high school library destroys the love bible from the first film, and the book's creator sets out to restore it.

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The Life of a Loner

'The Hunter' unfolds as a thoughtful and gripping mystery

Film Review

An ecological thriller about a professional animal killer and loner who discovers a newfound sense of stewardship for the planet — along with a concern for other people – "The Hunter" is engrossing and thoughtful entertainment.

The film stars Willem Dafoe as Martin, an elite hunter who has been hired by a mysterious firm to bag the last remaining example of a Tasmanian tiger, a real-life (though probably extinct) predator that looks like it's part dog, part cat. Though the firm's reasons for wanting the animal are murky, they become clearer — and more clearly nefarious — as the mystery unfolds.

Martin doesn't really care why, though. He's in it for the money.

His efforts to track the animal are hampered by unseen enemies: radical environmentalists, or "greenies," who want to save it; local loggers; and rival hunters.



Professional animal killer Martin (Willem Dafoe) is hired to bag a tiger in "The Hunter."

The Hunter (R)

- **Director:** Daniel Nettheim
- **Stars:** Willem Dafoe, Frances O'Connor
- ▶ In a Nutshell: Martin, a mercenary, is sent from Europe by a mysterious biotech company to the Tasmanian wilderness on a hunt for the last Tasmanian tiger.

Martin, in short, becomes both hunter and hunted.

That's one part of the story.

The other, more interesting part involves Martin's relationship with Lucy (Frances O'Connor) -

a greenie in whose remote Tasmanian house he has set up camp and her two children. Martin can't help developing feelings for Lucy, whose husband has recently disappeared and is presumed dead.

Director Daniel Nettheim tells both stories well, braiding them together into a single thread with a firm hand and evocative visual style. Dafoe carries off the extremes of Martin's character with aplomb and psychological depth.

At the core of the movie is the message that the real lonely hunter is the heart. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

21 JUMP STREET (R, 100 minutes) The lack of originality or creative ingenuity that "21 Jump Street" symbolizes is addressed head-on early in the film, when a surly police captain tells two new recruits that the force has resurrected a defunct program from 30 years ago that sent undercover cops into high schools. The neophytes he's screaming at are Schmidt (Jonah Hill) and Jenko (Channing Tatum), a bumbling nerd and good-looking dullard, respectively, who were arch-opposites in their high school but have become best buds since going through the police academy. Despite the edginess and vulgarity, the production is suffused by an unmistakable sweetness. "21 Jump Street" might be yet another product of Hollywood's recycling program, but it deserves to be noticed. A.H. ACT OF VALOR (R, 105 minutes) Military reality and video-game fantasy shake hands and come out fighting in this action flick that stars actual Navy SEALs. The exercises are genuine, and so is the $hardware.\,But\,the\,script\,undermines\,the$ sense of authenticity at every turn. The Continued on page 22

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Sending **A Mixed** Message

Film Review

It's not easy to craft a teen comedy capable of teaching valuable lessons. "We the Party" proves it. With the raunch of "American Pie" and the heart of an after-school special, the comedy turns out to be less than the sum of its parts.

The film was written and directed by Mario Van Peebles, who also plays Dr. Sutton, a high school teacher who preaches knowledge as power. He's hard on his teenage



In "We the Party," Hendrix (Mandela Van Peebles) earns money hosting bashes.

We the Party (R)

- **Director:** Mario Van Peebles
- **Stars:** Mandela Van Peebles, Mario Van Peebles, Simone Battle
- ▶ In a Nutshell: A teenager who cares more about making money than his education starts hitting the books to impress a popular girl at school.

son Hendrix (played by real-life son Mandela Van Peebles), who cares more about saving up to buy a car than academia.

When he isn't hanging out with his goofball friends, he makes money hosting parties. But when Hendrix realizes the only way he can date the popular Cheyenne (Simone Battle) is to raise his grades, he hits the books.

Some lessons might be gleaned from "We the Party," including Dr. Sutton's insistence that "minimum effort now means minimum wage later." But no one seems interested in practicing what he preaches. Instead, the message seems to be: Kids will take their academics seriously, but only with the right incentive. STEPHANIE MERRY (TWP)

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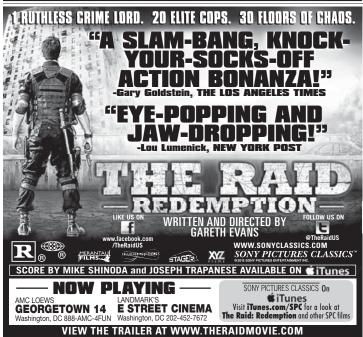
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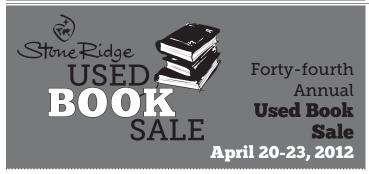
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Lily Collins (daughter of Phil Collins) attempts to breathe new life into Snow White in "Mirror Mirror" but mostly falls flat.

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stiffness of the Navy men's performances is less of a problem than the global-conspiracy plot that's about to commence. In Costa Rica, a CIA agent is posing as a doctor while observing an international drug and arms smuggler. Her cover is blown, and she's cantured and tortured. Soon, the SEAL team arrives for the rescue. Like most recent action movies. "Act of Valor" is fast, loud and strenuously overedited. The filmmakers successfully conjure a chaotic, you-are-there sensation. Exactly what's happening, however, can be hard to follow. MARK JENKINS **CASA DE MI PADRE** (R, 84 minutes) What's the big idea with "Casa de Mi Padre?" Is the joke that Will Ferrell playing a Mexican version of his signature, slightly dense Everyman — speaks nothing but Spanish throughout the film? (Pretty well.) Or is it that the movie is a parody of how cheesy a cheaply made, south-of-the-border Western can get? (Pretty cheesy.) It's got to be one or the other, because those are the two hardestworking gags in the film, a deliberately inept spoof of accidentally inept filmmaking. It's perfect for a short clip on Funnyordie.com. Padded out to feature length, with a bunch of other slight and unmemorable laughs, it wears thin. m.o. DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG, 86 minutes) Like "An Inconvenient Truth" for the 12-and-under crowd, "Dr. Seuss' The

Lorax" is a cautionary environmental tale with a thin veneer of entertainment on top. Based on Seuss' 1971 picture book, this musical adaptation, in eye-popping 3-D CGI, is undeniably less gloomy than the original. In the hands of co-directors Chris Reynaud and Kyle Balda and cowriters Ken Daurio and Cinco Paul, Seuss' slender though eloquent fable has morphed into something unwieldy and manic. It's simultaneously silly and preachy, with precious little room for fun. "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" is a movie that progressives can feel good about taking their kids to, without actually having a good time. M.o. THE HUNGER GAMES (PG-13, 142 minutes) This adaptation of the hit young adult novel centers on grievous violence and children, who, in author Suzanne Collins' floridly post-apocalyptic future, are subjected to an annual ritual wherein they murder one another as part of a nationwide reality show. That perverse dystopia is brought faithfully, if unspectacularly, to life by director Gary Ross. If the series' legions of fans miss a detail here or a subplot there, they'll still recognize its bones and sinew, especially in Jennifer Lawrence's eagle-eyed heroine, Katniss Everdeen. The Hunger Games have been instituted by the elite leaders of a country in order to keep down a restive populace. After randomly plucking a boy and a girl from each of the federation's districts, a shadowy government-entertainment complex subjects them to a kill-or-bekilled group hunt. Lawrence is never less than grounded and believable as a young woman forced by circumstance to assume wisdom far beyond her years. A deer stalker dressed in pyrotechnic couture, Katniss symbolizes a new brand of female power: one that entails not just strength, courage and spiky, if selective, compassion, but also a top-notch stylist. A.H. JEFF, WHO LIVES AT HOME (R, 83 minutes) Jeff (Jason Segel), who at 30 is still living with his mother and doing little more than bong hits for a living, receives a phone call from his mom (Susan Sarandon) asking him to go to Home Depot to get some wood glue. That simple task sends Jeff on an errand that will result in all sorts of detours and digressions. A bus ride ends up in a basketball game; a chance meeting with his brother, Pat (Ed Helms), ends up in a graveyard and a Hampton Inn — in Jeff's spaced-out mind, it's all leading somehow to the meaning and purpose that has so far eluded him. Seen through one lens, the film can be interpreted as an aimless, easygoing wish-fulfillment fantasy for underachievers everywhere; seen through another, it's a numb, naturalistic group portrait of unresolved grief, A.H. JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI (PG, 81 minutes) The appearance of chef Jiro Ono's unassuming, subterranean 10seat restaurant, Sukiyabashi Jiro, is deceiving; the hole-in-the-wall touts a three-star Michelin rating, and it was the first sushi restaurant to earn the distinction. David Gelb's documentary feels exceptional thanks to the subject, a self-made perfectionist still pursuing culinary transcendence. There are also elements of family drama, as Ono's son

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and apprentice, Yoshikazu Ono, mulls the inevitability of one day running the restaurant. His youngest son, meanwhile, operates another sushi outpost. The movie tends to be spare, recounting day-to-day routines in the beginning but ultimately settles into an engaging, sometimes humorous rhythm. STEPHANIE MERRY JOHN CARTER (PG-13, 137 minutes) Based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' stories, this adaptation gets off to such an

incoherent start that it takes almost the entire, interminable running time to catch up. And the trip isn't worth it: Narratively stilted, visually ugly and imaginatively bankrupt, "John Carter" just sits there forcing the audience to sit right along with it. But, OK, if it's a synopsis you want: "John Carter" is nominally about a Civil War veteran who happens upon a dingus that transports him to Mars, where he can jump really

high and is taken prisoner and meets a beautiful princess. What's supposed to be a fanciful journey in time and space is unforgivably awful-looking. A.H. **JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS IS-**LAND (PG, 94 minutes) Managing to make classic 19th-century adventure yarns feel as wondrous and exotic as a Hallmark Channel special, "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, sincerely

tries to pay homage to the likes of Jules Verne and Robert Louis Stevenson but is too contaminated by today's tame sensibilities to make it fly. JOHN DEFORE MIRROR MIRROR (PG, 106 minutes) Director Tarsem Singh has shown a gift for fantastical settings, and Snow White's kingdom is no exception. Unfortunately, actress Lily Collins as Snow White offers a pale reflection of her stunning setting. Continued on page 24



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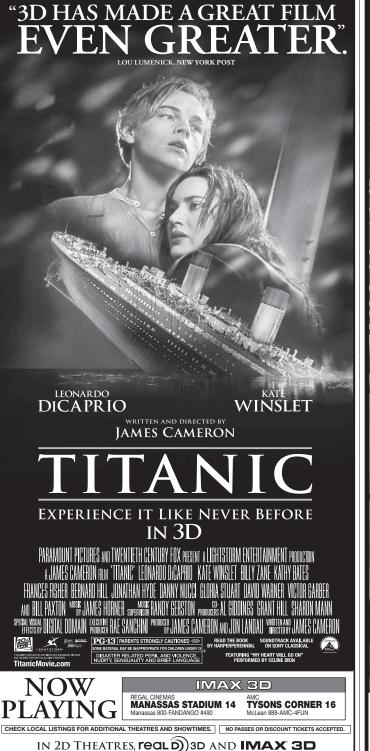
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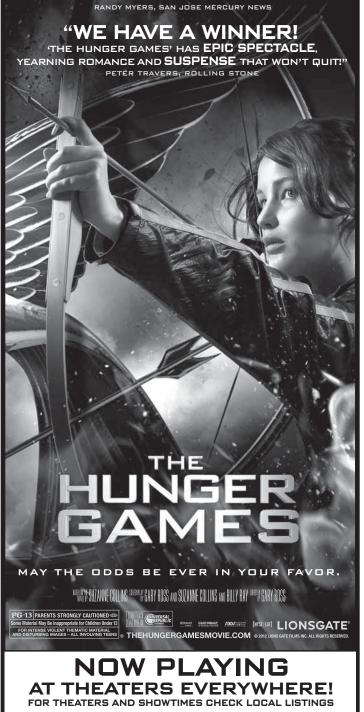






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The plot is simple enough for younger Disney princess fans to follow. The fair Snow White is sequestered in her late father's castle by her pathologically vain stepmother, the Evil Queen (Julia Roberts). After sneaking out of the fortress for a visit to the village, Snow has a typical meet-up with Prince Alcott of Valencia in the woods. He has been bound and burgled, and she, having no idea he is a prince, unties him and then blushes furiously. Later, when the prince arrives at the castle looking for sanctuary, the queen goes into cougar mode. But naturally, the prince has eyes only for Snow. Disney's kind and gentle Snow White was charming, could sing and regularly talked to woodland creatures. The same cannot be said of Collins. Most of Snow's interactions with the magnetic prince are tepid, except for one flirty sword fight. SANDIE ANGULO CHEN PROJECT X (R, 88 minutes) There are only two good jokes in "Project X," a thin, painfully overlong comedy about an out-of-control party thrown by a trio of high-school losers. One is the "story by" credit given to Michael Bacall.

This is funny because there is, almost literally, no story. As for that second joke, it comes halfway into the movie when an adult neighbor attempts to shut down the party and ends up getting Tasered by a 12-year-old who has been hired as a bouncer. That's not the funny part — or, for anyone older than 21, the only truly satisfying moment in the film. That comes when the man gets up and clocks the snot-nosed brat in the face. M.O. THE RAID: REDEMPTION (R, 100 MIN-UTES) What do you get when you send a heavily armed SWAT team into the fortresslike compound of a sadistic drug lord? In this Indonesian action-adventure film, it's not what you would expect. After the initial, de rigueur barrage of back-andforth gunplay that opens the confrontation between the cops and the thugs, you end up with a bunch of adrenaline-infused, bone-crunching hand-to-hand combat. It's not for everybody. But it is undeniably cinematic and even kind of thrilling — assuming you can stomach the wall of nauseating sound effects generated by repeated blows of feet and fists on flesh. You don't watch "The Raid" so much as ingest it. It's a visceral, almost chemical high. For fans of martial-arts action, it's a sizzling and stylishly served-up order of butt-kicking. M.O. SILENT HOUSE (R, 88 minutes) Likely to disappoint fans of old-school bogey-



Will Ferrell speaks Spanish in "Casa de Mi Padre," which is really all you need to know.

men as well as aficionados of jokily self-referential meta-horror, "Silent House" might just find an audience that is able to appreciate it for what it is: a scary, yet deep, art-house frightfest. The question is this: Do the words "deep" and "frightfest" even belong in the same sentence? The other question is this: Do you find a hyperventilating, helpless young woman trapped in a dark, secluded house with a crazed, possibly homicidal

stalker terrifying or merely annoying? But the similarities with such films as "Halloween" end there. That's because the young woman (Elizabeth Olsen), her stalker and even the "house" of the title are not what you think they are for most of the film. The twist ending will either satisfy you deeply — there's that word again — or tick you off royally. It will make you jump, to be sure, and your heart will beat a little bit faster. But what's truly

scariest about the movie takes place not in the body, but in the mind, M.O. WRATH OF THE TITANS (PG-13, 99 minutes) The only reason you'll feel any wrath is because you shelled out 12 bucks for this steaming bucket of half-baked plot, cliched dialogue and disappointing 3-D special effects. It might be even worse than the original. Who, exactly, was clamoring for a follow-up? As before, Sam Worthington plays Greek hero Perseus, the demigod son of Zeus (Liam Neeson). Zeus is imprisoned by his brother Hades (Ralph Fiennes) in an effort to overthrow the Olympian gods and resurrect Kronos, the dormant leader of the evil Titans. To save Zeus, Perseus goes on a quest to the underworld. At stake is not just his father's life — yeah, I thought gods were immortal, too — but the future of the world. As a CGI villain, Kronos looks as though he's made of molten lava and sounds like Barry White speaking Klingon. Scary it is not. Perplexing, maybe. In an effort to appeal to audiences who might resist anything that smacks of the classics, the dialogue includes anachronisms such as "You gotta be kiddin' me." They got that right. M.O.

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Hard to Please The citywide Eugene O'Neill theater festival continues with the Shakespeare Theatre's four-hour production of "Strange Interlude." The play stars Francesca Faridany (shown) as Nina, a deeply confused and neurotic woman who's all wrapped up with the various men in her life. Will they ever satisfy her? Hint: No. Shakespeare Theatre's Sidney Harman Hall, 610 F St. NW; through April 29, \$20-\$100; 202-547-1122, Shakespearetheatre.org. (Gallery Place)

Geek Culture Geeks have inherited the earth. Video

Games Live gathers a philharmonic orchestra to perform themes from Portal, Pokemon and others, with a preshow Guitar Hero competition and costume contest. Turnabout is fair play, though: Can we have "The Well-Tempered Clavier" accompany the epic journey of a video game? Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; Sat., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., \$25-\$76; 301-581-5100, Strathmore.org. (Grosvenor)

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Let's get this straight: 10:00 "Magic City" is not a "Mad Men" imitation. It is, how-

ever, patterned on "The Godfather: Part II," and copies from the first two "Godfather" films with audacious gusto. The Starz original series is also quite entertaining.

The action centers on Miami's fictional Miramar Playa hotel, run by the handsome Ike Evans (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) with a compartmentalized mind and a reserved midcentury cool that may remind some of Don Draper from "Mad Men." Behind his handsome facade, Ike is exhausted from straddling the line between legitimacy and Miami's underworld, run with



Ike Evans (Jeffrey Dean Morgan, center) runs a Miami hotel in Starz's "Magic City."

psychopathic efficiency by gangster Ben Diamond, a man known as the Butcher.

Of the three episodes available for review, the first is weakest on character development. "Magic City" emphasizes the shiny surface of things, seemingly confident that its audience is already well-schooled in mob atmosphere and lore. It lacks the novelistic depth of "Mad Men" or "The Sopranos," and it has yet to show either of those shows' flair for developing strong female characters. But viewers who have already committed the first two "Godfather" movies to memory are in for a treat. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets



Nurse Jackie (SHO) Change comes to Jackie's (Edie Falco, left) professional and personal lives as the comedy-drama returns for its fourth season. Now separated from Kevin, Jackie realizes she needs professional help. A corporation takes over All Saints and installs a new director with an agenda. O'Hara reveals a secret. Kevin is upset to learn the truth about Jackie and Eddie.

SIIN 9:00 **Chopped All-Stars** (FOOD) In the appetizer round, Iron Chefs Michael Symon, Jose Garces, Cat Cora and Marc Forgione must make a magical pairing of beef tendon and crawfish.

SUN 10:00 The Borgias (SHO) As the drama returns for a second season, Pope Alexander (Jeremy Irons, right) has taken a new lover and is throwing a grand pagan celebration for the people of Rome. Cesare and Juan's rivalry spills into the streets. Lucrezia tends to her new baby.



SUN 11:04 **The Pitch** (AMC) A companion to "Mad Men," this reality series turns the cameras on four advertising agencies as they formulate ideas and compete for accounts. While "Mad Men" is set in New York, this show features only one Big Apple agency: The Ad Store. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Premieres



Pretty Woman

Jennifer Love Hewitt, above, returns to series television in the steamy new drama "The Client List" (Sun., 10 p.m., Life). She plays Riley Parks, a single Texas mom who goes to work at a day spa and soon finds out some of the massage therapists are offering more than just massages. Riley is determined not to give "extras," but as her financial situation worsens, she has second thoughts. (TM)

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- JOSH CONSTINE AT TECHCRUNCH. **COM** thinks Apple and Facebook should be frightened by "Project Glass," which offers people a virtual reality world within their eyeglass lenses that incorporates many of Google's apps and services.

"I like Hillary [Clinton] well enough, but it's far too early for people on the left to have their minds made up. It is a good time to give an early endorsement to the 'Texts from Hillary' Tumblr, however.

- NEIL SINHABABU AT DONKEYLICIOUS. COM isn't ready to declare the Secretary of State as the natural Democratic party successor to Barack Obama, but is enjoying the new site featuring faux pictures of her having conversations with other politicians.

"The sequel is a call to get back on track, with reminders that Cover the Night, a New York Citybased protest, is still happening on April 20th, that children are still being abducted by the LRA, and that Invisible Children can still make a gimmicky and moving viral video that feels like a Google Chrome ad."

-LEAH BECKMANN AT GAWKER. COM reacts to the second installment of "Kony 2012," subtitled, "Beyond Famous," which was released Wednesday.

"I've given up trying to decide which of these days is technically Opening Day — it's probably [Thursday.] ... But hey, whatever you want to call it, baseball's back! We've been waiting for this point all off season long, and it's finally arrived. These games count!"

-STEVE SLOWINSKI AT DRAYSBAY. COM is a bit confused after MLB opened the season with a game in Japan on March 28, then had one game Wednesday night, making way for the traditional opener on Thursday.

"I feel like 'Titanic' is like a bad ex-girlfriend that just won't go away for Leonardo DiCaprio."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Never let it be said that you are not able to deal with the difficult issues head-on. Today, you must do just that on at least two occasions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Opening yourself up to that which you had not considered will enable you to see things in a more productive light. Remain receptive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Positioning yourself so that you have the best possible vantage point proves invaluable. Do you have eyes in the back of your head?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Quality and quantity — there's no confusing the two, and yet today they will surely go hand in hand. Is there such a thing as too much?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Risk management is the key to success today. You'll have to gamble occasionally, but you can maximize your own odds, surely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Satisfaction comes from knowing you have done everything in your power to further the cause to which you have lent support.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Telling another what he or she needs to hear is more difficult than you think; you don't simply want to let the cat out of the bag!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Underneath your calm facade today things are likely to bubble furiously, as someone may be pushing your buttons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Visualize that which is most important to you and you can be surrounded by it in abundance by day's end. The intangible counts for much.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) "What," "where," and "when" — those are the big issues today. The "who" and the "how" will very likely take care of themselves.

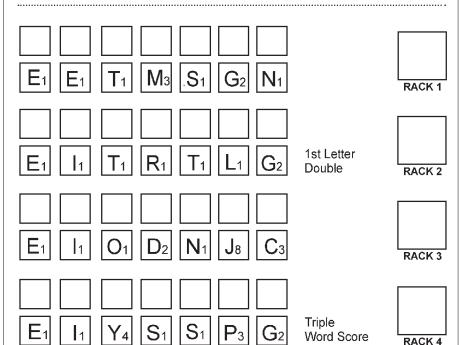
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Xenophobia is not your style — you have no reason to fear strangers at this time. You can learn something about diversity today.



Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155. BEST SCORE 223



Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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Today: Mostly sunny and breezy today. Clear tonight.



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Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and breezy

Looking Ahead

tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.







69 | 48 | 62 | 42 | 57 | 40

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:45 a.m. Sunset today: 7:37 p.m. Moonrise today: 7:55 p.m. Moonset today: 6:17 a.m. Almanac Normal high: 63 Record high: 86 Normal low: 44

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68 Connery of Bond

69 Typeface features

71 "___ today, gone

70 "Anti-art"

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"dynamic"

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Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

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Today in History

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Joseph Smith and his followers officially organize the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the town of Fayette, N.Y.

The first modern Olympic Games formally opens in the games' ancient birthplace of Athens, Greece. Athletes from 14 nations compete.

American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits become the first men to reach the North Pole, a claim that is later disputed by some historians.

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'Chief Wants a Hallmark TV Movie Made About Us'

Actor Chris Klein says his dog, a German shepherd named Chief, helped him recover from alcoholism. "He began to recognize the behavior shift in me when [I drank] alcohol and his behavior would change," Klein told People.com. "Anybody that has a meaningful relationship with a dog will understand that the disappointment that I saw in his eyes, [it was] insurmountable." (EXPRESS)

The Public Won't See It? No. They Will WORSHIP It.

The former Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, is sitting for a portrait with painter Nicky Phillipps, renowned for her portrait of princes William and Harry, on view at the National Portrait Gallery in London. The painting is a private commission by Prince Charles and may never be seen by the public, People.com reported. (EXPRESS)



Prolonged exposure to Kate's radiance may cause sunburn, rash or blindness.

Victims



'Then Again, I Got Famous, and Paid'

Real Housewife of New Jersey Teresa Giudice says reality TV ruined her relationships with friends and family members. "My 'Housewives' experience has completely changed," she said. Giudice and fellow Housewife Jacqueline Laurita went through "a friends divorce." She and brother Joey Gorga are also no longer speaking. (EXPRESS)



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IS THAT TOO MEAN? Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are ready to get romantic, Usmagazine.com reports. "They've been friends for years," said an unnamed source. "Kim is ready to give it a try now." The pair were spotted going to see "The Hunger Games" in New York City on Wednesday. And in West's new single, "Theraflu," he alluded to having fallen in love with Kardashian while dating now-ex girlfriend Amber Rose. (EXPRESS)



NATIONAL TOURS

'Self-Justification 2012' Continues on 'Today'

Nadya Suleman tells NBC's "Today" show that going on welfare was a hard decision, but one she made for her children. Also, she still won't do porn, even if the offer was \$100 million. "I won't touch other human flesh," Suleman said. "The only flesh I'm touching is my own. I will not lose my grip of my deeply indoctrinated morals and values." (EXPRESS)

"I always have my eyes out. I just read two days ago that **Adam Levine is** single again ... I'm just saying."



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